

Tividale Community Primary School

Newsletter Easter 2017



Thanks...

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of the spring term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support this term, not only to helping your children in their learning, but also in supporting school events, discos and assemblies.

Staffing

The beginning of next term sees Mrs Khatkar returning to us from maternity leave. Mrs Khatkar will be returning on a part time basis, working three days a week with Mrs Noble in Class 8. Mrs T Lloyd has chosen not to return from maternity leave, to be able to spend more time with her young family. I am delighted to inform you that Miss Allen will be joining our team as the Reception teacher after Easter. Miss Allen is an experienced teacher from another Sandwell school, and has already been into school on a number of occasions to work with and get to know the children.

On behalf of all the staff and children, I must take this opportunity to thank both Miss Jaj and Mrs Williams for all of their commitment, hard work and dedication to Tividale. We wish them all the very best in their new ventures, and they leave us knowing that we will all miss them very much.

SATs - Year 6

May I remind parents that the Year 6 SATs tests take place week beginning 8th May. I must urge parents to ensure that their children are in school every day during this week as the tests cannot be re-taken on other dates. As I mentioned at the parents meeting, if your child does happen to fall ill during this week, please contact us so that we can make alternative arrangements if possible.

Fundraising Update

Fantastic news! We managed to raise £400 for Comic Relief on 24th March. I'm sure the children have told you all about the special assembly that was performed for them. The money will be split between Comic Relief and our school fund respectively. We also raised £241 commission during our Book Fair week, which will be spent on new books for our school library. Well done and thank you to everyone for your support when we hold these events. As well as raising money for charities, we need our school fund to help pay towards prizes, trips, presents etc for our pupils. Without this money, and your continued support and enthusiasm, we wouldn't be able to do this.

Our Work with the West Bromwich Albion Foundation

This term we have had a team of coaches working with the children and staff in school to develop PE skills. We have had a whole school focus on gymnastics, and the response from all has been really positive. Both the children and the staff have developed skills, knowledge and ability in this area. Next term, we will be continuing working with the coaches with a focus on invasion games. Working with the Foundation has also brought with it some great opportunities for the children, some of which are listed in the 'Dates for your Diary' section. Earlier this term, we had a surprise visit from Ben Foster the WBA and former England goalkeeper. Ben met with the children, and took part in some PE lessons. They have also supported us in running a writing competition as homework in KS2, won by Luke Breen in Y6. Luke has won a VIP Premiership Package day for himself and his dad to the Hawthorns on 8th April. Congratulations Luke - enjoy the day!

Spring Term at Tividale...

What a busy term! We have had lots of school trips, educational visits, visitors in school and Year 6 have been continuing their community work with the police and students at Ormiston.

Our school choir had an amazing experience performing at the LG Arena, as part of the 6500 pupils strong Young Voices Choir. It was a very late night, but immensely enjoyed by all.

Year 3 enjoyed experiencing what it was like living in Ancient Egyptian times when they visited the special exhibition at Birmingham Art Gallery.

The day the Anglo-Saxon came to visit Year 4 was a great experience. They were taught about living and fighting in Anglo-Saxon times, and compared the values that these people lived by, especially the difference between those and the values we live our lives by in a modern, multi-cultural and multi-faith community.

Year 5 brought back lots of chocolate from Cadbury World. They have been learning about the Aztecs and the rainforest, so it was a perfect visit to enhance their project work.

Year 6 spent a day studying African animals at Chester Zoo. Their work on this project this term has been of exceptional quality, and has provided a welcome relief from SAT's revision and booster classes. Not long to go now Year 6, hang on in there!

The Manager from Birmingham Botanical gardens, Mr Jarvis, wrote about Year 2 after their visit. He wrote: "I was so impressed with the behaviour and attitude of your Y2 pupils that I felt it necessary to write to congratulate them and your school.....They were all so excited and enthusiastic, and their behaviour and attitude were impeccable, and remained so throughout the day.....Furthermore, they were courteous and extremely polite to members of the public, staff and other school children as they undertook activities around the site...." Well done Year 2, what a brilliant feedback!

School Meals

As of 1st April, the cost of a school meal has risen to £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. Please could I ask you to have the correct change when paying for dinner money. This will help the office staff immensely as they will not necessarily have any change to hand.

Dates for your Diaries

School will reopen next term on Monday 24th April.

Other dates to be aware of include:

April 25th	10 pupils from Y3& 4 to go to WBA for a tournament to be featured on Match of The Day 2
April 26th	Health and Fitness day with sponsored Beat the Baggie Bird penalty shoot-out competition
April 29th	School visit to WBA for a Match Day Package and to watch WBA v Leicester City
May 1st	Bank holiday
May 4th	School closed to pupils for Polling Day
May 8th	Year 6 SATs week
May 15th	Year 2 SAT's week
May 26th	Break up for summer half term

As I write this newsletter, the KS 2 termly house point winners' celebration is taking place, well done to the children of Julie Walters House. Our KS1 children are getting excited and looking forward to their Easter Egg hunt which is taking place this afternoon. We are looking forward to Y4's Easter Assembly on Friday, where the KS2 Egg Competition winners will be announced.

Finally, may I finish by wishing you all and your families a restful and peaceful Easter Break.

Signed: *E Burnell*

Headteacher

5th April 2017

